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### **ABSTRACT**

A connecting structure and method for affixing an open end of a tube composed from thermoplastic resin material(s) to a tube connecting portion of a quick connector having a ~~cylindrical geometry, longitudinal end wherein the~~ and at least one annular stopper on the cylindrical outer circumference thereof with said tube connecting portion being adapted to be press fitted into said open end of said resin tube. The connecting structure comprises an annular band composed of elastomeric rubber which surrounds fitted upon the open end of the resin tube adjacent the location of attachment to said quick connector and having two ends with one end adjacent the open end of the resin tube and the opposite end extending a predetermined distance beyond the longitudinal end of said quick connector and having a minimum length at least about equal to the diameter of the cylindrical outer circumference of the quick connector and a diameter such that a tightening force is applied to the resin tube so that upon press fitting the said tube connecting portion into the open end of the said resin tube the band will to prevent disengagement therefrom. ~~The connecting structure forms an integrated assembly with the tube connecting portion of the quick connector.~~